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## Building Connections Every Step of the Way

We had such a long, cold, dark and dreary winter. But spring is picking up with lush greenery, beautiful blooms and renewal everywhere. Everything hasn't been rosy as a severe storm ripped through the area causing havoc with two tornados touching down and destroying trees, interrupting power and damaging homes and property.

When such events happen in our area, our community responds. Jewish tradition compels us to welcome the stranger and to help the downtrodden. Our community building opened its doors to those who lost power or suffered damage to their homes and invited them to take a hot shower, power up their devices, rest and relax. Just as we were welcomed after the fire by those with offers of help, we were proud to return the favor to the greater community. While we hope that we will be spared future events like this, we stand ready to lend a helping hand whenever we are needed.

As we met and talked with people who found respite in our building, many had never made the trek up the hill and were pleasantly surprised to find such a tremendous facility and the feeling of family and community. These moments are precious and help to build bridges between disparate groups.

Unfortunately, when we take a macro view of the Connecticut landscape, we see the continuing skyrocketing of anti-Semitic, hate and bias incidents. This is one of the reasons why our Jewish Federation was so pleased to work with our partners at JFACT and the ADL to

lobby for a Holocaust and Genocide Education bill. Connecticut is the 10th state in the union to pass such legislation. It is imperative that we teach the lessons of history or the mistakes of the past will be the mistakes of the future.

A great way to experience history up-close is coming up this October when our mission to Poland & Israel takes off. It is not too late to register. Email me at [jalperin@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:jalperin@jewishnewhaven.org) for more information or go to our website [jewishnewhaven.org](http://jewishnewhaven.org) and select Mission 2018.

It is gratifying to know that our community's generosity in support of the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign enables efforts such as the Holocaust & Genocide Education bill to find success. But in order to have the necessary resources to plan, schedule, lobby and support all of the wonderful programs and services, the Annual Campaign must be successful. This year, we have experienced greater attrition than in years past with the passing of several generous donors. The 2018 campaign will close on July 31. Please, if you haven't yet had the opportunity to make your pledge or if you can find it in your heart to increase the gift you have already made, we need your help and it is greatly appreciated.

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we gathered at Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy to mark the conclusion of the 2016-2017 year. At that time, we still found ourselves displaced from the fire and were just beginning to dream about rebuilding. We gathered together to give thanks

to all those who saved the day, and stepped up to ensure that our community moved forward.

Today, we look around and see a refreshed and revitalized community building and a plethora of new and dynamic programming and facilities to enrich all ages. We are BUILDING connections every step of the way. At the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC on July 17, we will celebrate all that we've overcome and those who helped get us to this shehechyanu moment. Highlights of the evening include the graduation of the current Yesod cohort - Yesod is the community's leadership development program and this year's group is every bit as outstanding as last year's, the transition of Federation leadership from Dr. Norman Ravksi to Dr. Jeffrey Hoos, and prestigious awards such as the Kavod Society, Robert Eisner Community Service Award, Harry Lender Young Leadership Award, the Greater New Haven Harold Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Education and the Robert M. Pite Youth Award.

Please join us!

PS: If you have not had a chance yet to enjoy delicious coffee, snacks and food in the new Café 360, I urge you to do so. Having a specialized coffeehouse right here at our community's central address is a privilege that can only be sustained by you.



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# CT Becomes 10th State to Pass Holocaust Education Bill

by Brian Levy

*Federation Director of Outreach, Engagement and Community Relations*

In May, the Connecticut General Assembly passed Senate Bill 452, which adds Holocaust and genocide education and awareness to the required courses of study for public schools. The bill also requires all local and regional boards of education to include this topic in their social studies curriculum beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Senate Bill 452 allows schools to use existing public and private materials, personnel and other resources to reduce any cost a school may incur. In addition, the legislation allows a local or regional board of education to accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations, to implement this bill without cost.

The legislation passed both the Senate and House unanimously and was signed by Gov. Dannel Malloy. The Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT), along with the Anti-Defamation League, and seven Federations statewide, including the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, were key players in advocating for the bill.

Both JFACT and the ADL could not do it alone and received help from BBYO teens all across the Connecticut Valley Region, including several members

of our Greater New Haven chapters. The teens took the Public Hearing for the bill by storm, testifying in front of the Education Committee. The legislation takes effect on July 1, 2018.

Michael Bloom, Director of JFACT, said they were thrilled with the passage of the legislation. "As we have seen in recent surveys, Holocaust and genocide education is needed in our schools, and this legislation will create countless teachable moments regarding humanity, compassion and being up standers for current and future students."

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council) is proud to partner with JFACT, an advocacy organization that represents the seven Jewish Federations across Connecticut on issues of importance to the Jewish community and in support of Israel.

"We are so pleased that the state of Connecticut has become the 10th state in the Union to pass Holocaust and genocide education legislation," said Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. "The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven was proud to partner with our sister Federations,



JFACT and ADL in support of and to help recruit New Haveners to testify before the legislature. With the astronomic rise of anti-Semitism and hate incidents, teaching lessons from the past is essential to not repeating the same mistakes in the present and future."

"Often, we are called in to educate after an incident has occurred," said Steve Ginsburg, the Director of the ADL's Connecticut Regional Office, who testified before the Education Committee in March. "Hopefully in the future, we can supply the education first to prevent a larger percentage of these incidents from occurring in the first place - and to prepare students and communities to react appropriately when they inevitably do occur again."

## Fund Honors Friedman's Parents, Furthers Jewish Education

**The Tillie L. and Albert B. Friedman Fund for Jewish Education in honor of Sophia, Aaron and Benjamin Bruce**

Harriet Friedman's primary motivation behind setting up this fund was to honor her parents "in a most meaningful way."

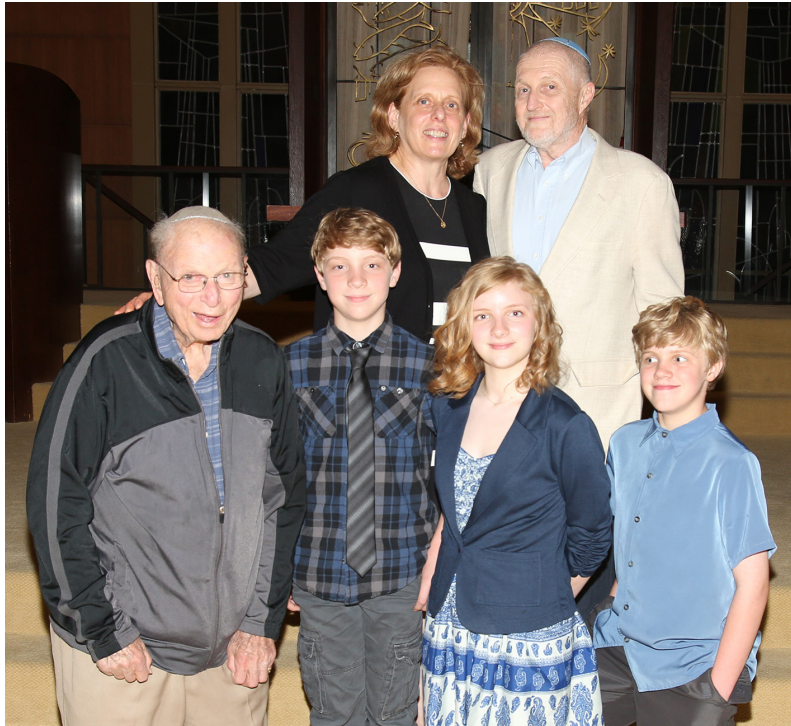
"Tillie and Albert are my parents, Sophia, Aaron, and Ben are their grandchildren (my children)," she explains. "My mother died in 2011, my father in 2015, but the kids are filled with memories of being with them... especially on Jewish holidays."

Synagogue, Judaism and Jewish learning were all central themes in Harriet Friedman's Philadelphia childhood home. As first generation Americans, her parents "opted to direct their limited resources to get the best Jewish education available for their kids." Both Harriet and her brother Sidney attended a K-8 comprehensive, after-school Hebrew/religious academy and continued their Jewish studies through high school courses at Gratz College.

When she finally settled into New Haven, Harriet was able to find a similarly, "rich foundation of Jewish learning and a template for Hebrew studies," for her children at Ezra Academy. "My parents were incredibly pleased," she recalls. "For as long as they were able, they participated in Ezra events... attended the kindergarten and first grade prayer book functions and their joy was palpable." She would send her father images and recordings of "my kids reading Torah or leading the service at Ezra and he would rejoice."

Friedman feels lucky to be able to honor her parents by creating a Donor Advised Fund and to direct it toward furthering Jewish education in their 'adopted' home, New Haven. "I think Jewish education is key for maintaining and growing our Jewish community," she adds. "My parents believed this, as does my family."

To find out how to create your Donor Advised Fund, contact Lisa Stanger, Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation, at (203)387-2424, ext. 382, [lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org) or go to [newhavenjewishfoundation.org](http://newhavenjewishfoundation.org).



**Albert Friedman is shown with his daughter Harriet, son-in-law Charlie, and grandchildren, Sophia, Benjamin, and Aaron. Harriet said she feels lucky to be able to honor her parents, Tillie and Albert, with this Donor Advised Fund toward furthering Jewish education here in their "adopted" home of New Haven.**



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## Hadassah Honors YNHH Chaplain



Dr. Sarah Blum

The Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadasah recently honored Dr. Sarah Blum, chaplain at Yale New Haven Health-Yale New Haven Hospital-St. Raphael Campus, as their Hadassah Woman of Valor for her “passion and dedication to our community.”

Blum received her Doctor of Ministry from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. She is Board Certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains APC and the first Connecticut woman to become Board Certified by Neshama; Association of Jewish Chaplains NAJC. Blum is an active member of the Jewish Pastoral Care Professional Group of Greater New Haven.

As chaplain at Yale New Haven Hospital, she serves on the President Employee Advisory Council, Mutual Respect Committee and the Surgical Patient Experience. Blum is the Coordinator of Shawls of Comfort and Code Care. She has also published several booklets. She provides a multi-faith approach to the psychological, spiritual, theological needs of patients and families.

In the Hadassah chapter, Blum has been president and served on the Hadassah Connecticut Region Board. At Congregation Or Shalom, she was instrumental in raising funds to build classrooms for the religious school and the acquisition and celebration of a new Torah. Prior to her work as a chaplain, Dr. Blum held a Master of Education, teaching Special Education in the surrounding New Haven public school system and the Children’s Psychiatric Department at Yale New Haven Hospital.

After receiving her Certification in Integrative Yoga Therapy, Blum studied the benefits of yoga for children with special needs and was innovative in incorporating the practice within the classroom. As an active member of the New Haven Jewish community, she also taught yoga and meditation classes at Makom Hebrew High School and the JCC. Blum has frequently traveled to Israel to represent Hadassah at conferences. In memory of her father, who died tragically in 1979, she was paramount in supporting the development of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and contributed to the creation of the Marc Chagall window project.

# Mazel Tov, Israel!

They paraded through a sea of blue and white, led by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Every conceivable Jewish organization from A to Z – the Anti-Defamation League to the Zionist Organization of America - was represented. The marchers included scores of synagogues and day schools, Israeli Boy & Girl Scouts, “Mitzvah (medical) Clowns,” the Shomrim Society of Jewish police officers, a Jewish “LGBT Cluster,” Jewish-American War Veterans, and a swarm of putt-putting “Chai Riders.” All made their way up Fifth Avenue on a wave of Jewish pride, as Israeli singers performed atop floats, bands blared out Jewish tunes and thousands waved Israeli flags, cheered and even cried.

And we, members of the Greater New Haven Jewish community marched too, as we’ve done for over a decade now. (see photo)

This year’s annual Celebrate Israel Parade, held on June 3, was by all accounts the largest and most spirited ever seen in New York City. And it’s no wonder: The theme of the parade was the 70th birthday of the Jewish state!

The leadership of Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus, of Congregation Or Shalom, and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven Board member Deb Gaudette led to a strong showing from New Haven. Wainhaus, who has spearheaded New Haven Jewry’s participation at the parade for more than a decade, explained



his passion for the event: “As members of American society, we live in a time of increasing divisiveness and partisanship. But this annual event allows us to celebrate a feeling seldom experienced these days: the feeling of unity – specifically, Jewish unity. Growing up in my Yiddish-speaking neighborhood, I’d often hear the aphorism: “Vos mir zaynen, zaynen mir, ober Yiden bleiben mir” or “What we are, we are, but beneath our differences, we’re all Jewish.” Well, the Israel parade brings us together every year to celebrate that wonderful and important message: Whether we’re Sephardic or Ashkenazic, religiously observant or non-observant, Republican Jews or Democrat Jews, we are one people! Indeed, I’ve always believed that our purpose, since the birth of our faith, was to broadcast G-d’s dream of global unity. But unity begins at home; and that’s why I love the Israel parade!”

## Ziv & Noa Our New Emissaries

by Amalya Brownstein  
*Young Emissary Coordinator*

Please welcome our newest Young Emissaries from Israel, Noa Saitowitz and Ziv Peleg, who will arrive here on Aug. 29.

To those who are unfamiliar with the Young Emissary program, it is a 10-month volunteer service experience that is jointly sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and SNEC (Southern New England Consortium). The Young Emissaries are Israeli high school graduates who choose to defer their army service to serve as young ambassadors for Israel. The program’s mission is to strengthen ties, in both the Jewish and secular communities, between the two regions through people-to-people connections. In the community, the emissaries work as Israel specialists, leading a variety of activities with spirit and creativity. They work with a wide variety of organizations and a diverse array of community members of all ages. Noa lives with her family in Matan, a small suburb in central Israel near Kfar Saba. She has an older sister

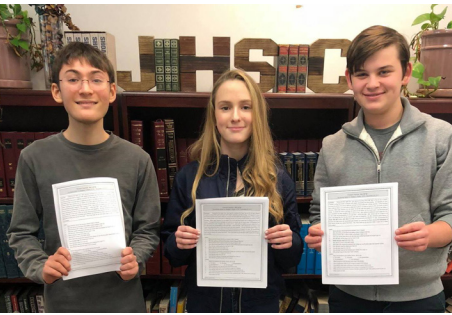


**Meet our new emissaries: from left to right, Ziv Peleg and Noa Saitowitz. Ziv and Noa will arrive here on Aug. 29. Be sure to say hello if you see them. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Amalya at amalyab@jccnh.org.**

who is currently serving as a combat soldier in the IDF. Her majors in high school are theater studies and Arabic. She loves playing basketball and many other sports. When she is not on the court, you’ll probably find her volunteering at the agricultural youth movement “Ha’Ichud Ha’Haklai” in Matan.

Ziv Peleg lives in small village called Ram-On near Afula with her parents, Michal and Yuval, and their dog, Charlie. Her sister, a former emissary in Worcester, Massachusetts, lives in Tel Aviv, and her brother, a former emissary in New London, is serving in the IDF. Ziv loves cooking, baking, and traveling around the world. She also enjoys volunteering in a young youth movement called Benai Hamoshvim.

Both Noa and Ziv strongly believe in giving back to the community and their country. They are looking forward to meeting new people, making new friendships, building great memories and keeping the relationship between Israel and our community strong and united. Noa and Ziv will be hosted by local families from the Greater New Haven area and will work closely with Amalya Brownstein at the New Haven Jewish Federation and the JCC.



## JHSC Seniors Look Toward the Future

by David Giver  
*JHSC Administrative Associate*

Three Jewish High School of Connecticut students, Natalie Shclover, Samuel Terr, and Matt Zweibel, all of Stamford, will be attending UConn. Senior Class President Natalie Shclover has been accepted into the school’s Honors Program.

Senior Danny Goldblum, of Stamford, has committed to Washington University in St. Louis to study Biomedical Engineering, senior Julia Arnowitz, of Wilton, has committed to Ursinus College in Pennsylvania for Psychology, and senior Emily Sklar, also of Wilton, will be attending UC Davis, and study-

ing Business. While most of the class is heading directly to university, seniors Gabriella Lieberman and Jensen Greif, both of Stamford, are spending a gap year in Israel before heading to school. Jensen will be participating in an art and dance program in Israel, while Gabriella will be going to Midreshet Torah V’Avodah.

### NCSY SUMMER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jewish High School of Connecticut is proud to announce the winners of the inaugural JHSC NCSY Summer Program Scholarships. Amelia Chapman was the top female student and Bryan Weisz and Ben Marcus will be splitting the prize for the top male student.

## CMI Celebrates Shabbat Under the Stars

### Summer Camp

Mishkan Israel Summer Camp program started on June 11 and ends on “Aug. 22. The camp serves children ages six weeks to five years and runs from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. with half-day and full-day programs, two to five days per week. For more information, contact Susan Witten Nason, Early Childhood Director, at (203) 288-2375 or sperry@cmihamden.org.

### Fall Registrations Begins for Nursery School

The Mishkan Israel Nursery School is taking registrations for the 2018-19 School Year. The school serves infants six weeks to five years. Part-day and full-day options are available. The school is multi-cultural and open to the community. For more information, contact Susan Witten Nason, Early Childhood Director at (203) 288-2375 or sperry@cmihamden.org.

### Shabbat Under the Stars Open House

Congregation Mishkan Israel invites prospective members to its free Shabbat Under the Stars Open House on Friday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. The evening begins with traditional Shabbat Evening Services followed by a barbecue and ice cream social. Meet the rabbi, cantor, and school directors.

### Community Day, Activity Fair Coming Sept. 16

The synagogue hosts its annual Community Day & Activities Fair on Sunday, Sept. 16, the first day of Religious School, from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be information booths on membership, the synagogue’s schools, committees and other activities. For more information, call (203) 288-3877.

### CMI Welcomes Rabbi Immerman with Potluck Dinner

Congregation Mishkan Israel welcomes Rabbi Brian Immerman on Friday, July 13, with a Potluck Dinner. Rabbi Immerman will lead his first service at 6 p.m. with Cantor Giglio, potluck dinner and desserts to follow at 7 p.m.

# BUILDING memories

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## Students Reflect on March of the Living Trip

*In April, members of our local Jewish Teen Education (JTE) group participated in the March of the Living, where they journeyed to Poland to explore the remnants of the Holocaust, visit concentration camp sites and then traveled to Israel for Israeli Independence Day. Here, two students discuss what they learned and how this trip changed them.*

**Q: What was one new thing you learned in Poland about Jewish life before, during, or after the Holocaust?**

**A: Hannah Sosensky:** In Poland, there are not many Jewish people left. The Holocaust exterminated a substantial portion of the Jewish population in the whole country.

**Q: Describe one location or event in Poland that had the greatest impact for you personally.**

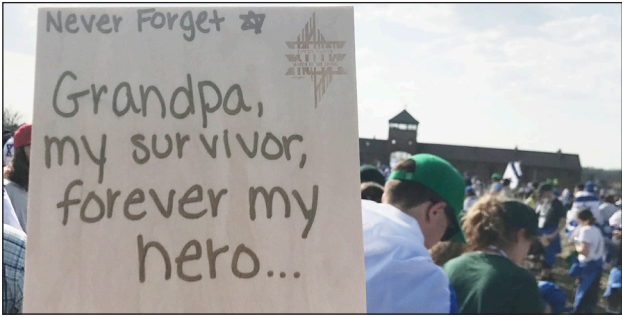
**A: Hannah Sosensky:** Walking the grounds of Majdanek. One specific area of the death camp that stuck out to me was the horribly immense pile of human ashes under the dome. My eyes widened and my jaw dropped. Feelings of hopelessness, pain, and wasted lives immediately came over me.

**A: Julie Fleischman:** Tykocin was silent. We got off the bus in an unsuspecting location and started walking through the woods, and then we reached this clearing with three enclosed areas. It didn't seem possible that a place with so much death and devastation could be so far and so alone from the rest of the world. It originally felt like all the life was gone from the area, but then I looked at the memorial stones, the yahrzeit candles, and the Israeli flags, and I realized that it was also a testament to life and all the people who know and care about what happened. It was suffocatingly silent and empty of life, but also people had come to fill the gap. I saw a butterfly fly across one of the areas, and I knew it was common, but it made me think of the poem, "The Last Butterfly," and that butterflies felt free to come here again. There was life despite all of the atrocities.

**Q: What was one new thing you learned in Israel about Jewish life before, during, or after the Holocaust?**

**A: Hannah Sosensky:** I learned how connected everybody is. On Shabbat at the Western Wall, people from Israel and all over the world come together to pray, sing and dance. Everybody was so welcoming and happy to have Jewish youths surrounding them who were eager to learn more about their Jewish faith and culture.

**A: Julie Fleischman:** I got to experience the incredible nationalism in Israel. Nothing compared to that feeling of getting off the plane in Israel after being in Poland



and feeling that absolute sense of safety and being home.

**Q: How did this trip change your connection to Israel?**

**A: Hannah Sosensky:** Before this trip, I did not feel much of a connection to Israel. I am proud to say that I have a special place in my heart for the land of Israel and its people.

**A: Julie Fleischman:** Before the trip, Israel was just a place that we studied. Now, when I think about Israel, I think about the amazing people, the delicious shawarma, and the incomparable feeling of being home. I didn't really feel a deep connection to Israel until this trip, and now, I wish I never had to leave.

**Q: Describe one activity, place, sight or sound that will always stay with you from the trip, either in Poland or Israel.**

**A: Hannah Sosensky:** At the end of a long day, about five or six times during the two weeks, all 70 of us would sit in a circle and reflect on the past day as a group. I felt a true connection with everyone from the trip and I enjoyed having a platform and new people to talk to.

**A: Julie Fleischman:** When we were at the Kotel, on our last Friday night, it was Kabbalat Shabbat. The wall was full of people, from all different lives and places, but none of that mattered. The moment that will stay with me forever was when a group invited some of the girls in our group to join them in singing "Sim Shalom." We didn't know any of them, and that really was what made it so unforgettable. In moments, I was holding hands with an old woman from Korea on my left and a young girl from Texas on my right, and somehow, we were all singing the same songs. It didn't matter that we'd never seen each other before; we'd all been drawn to this center of the world and were connected in a way that required no words.

**Q: How did this trip change your own personal Jewish identity?**

**A: Hannah Sosensky:** I now feel a true link to my homeland and Jewish people. Remembering the horrific past and celebrating the future has given me new meaning of what it means to be Jewish.

**A: Julie Fleischman:** It made me realize that I am not just a part of a Jewish community here in Woodbridge; I'm also connected to a global Jewish community. On Yom Ha'atzmaut, we went to a March of the Living celebration at night and there were people from all over the world, representing the Jewish community. It felt empowering to realize that we are all different, yet we are also all connected through our Judaism.

## Jewish Community Building Goes Even Greener

by Nurit Kohl  
SNH Staff

The Jewish Federation and JCC of Greater New Haven are installing solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on the roof of the Beckerman Lender building.

The new 322 kW system expands on the JCC solar carports installed in 2014 and 2015, which provide 880,000 kWh. This was the largest solar carport project in Connecticut at the time of its installation. Coupled with the co-gen unit owned by the JCC, the capacity generated from clean sources will supply more than 78 percent of the JCC's electricity needs.

The new panels will help reduce the JCC's carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 3,600 tons and lower the cost to the JCC, with energy savings over the life of the system expected to surpass \$650,000.

The funding comes from Connecticut Green Bank through Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing and a power purchase agreement (PPA). This program allowed the JCC to add



solar with no money down, and a third-party owns and operates the solar to maximize its benefits.

The Jewish Federation and JCC are the first nonprofits in Connecticut to use C-PACE to secure a PPA.

"The project married the need to replace the roof with the desire to become more sustainable and increase our clean energy production," said Scott Cohen, Executive Director of the JCC of Greater New

Haven. "As a mission-driven organization, we pay very close attention to our impact, not only the people that we serve but on the environment as well."

"The Green Bank is proud to work with the JCC on their third C-PACE financed project," said Mackey Dykes, Vice President of Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Programs at the Green Bank.

"It is especially encouraging to witness their resiliency after the fire and their continued commitment to their sustainability goals."

The JCC of Greater New Haven has taken additional steps toward sustainability since renovating the Beckerman Lender building after a devastating fire in December 2016.

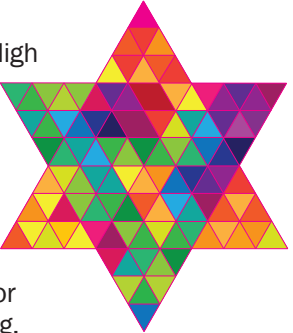
New energy-saving LED lighting was installed in all public spaces and Styrofoam has been eliminated in all operations.

The new solar panels are expected to be fully functional by early fall. The roofer is MAC Roofing, and the solar system installer is AEC Solar LLC.

### 5779 Is Coming! Get Your News In Now!

The High Holidays will be here before we know it! Please submit your news, holiday services listings, photos and events to us by July 27 for our special High Holidays Edition of Shalom New Haven (September/October).

This jam-packed issue features a special colorful pullout section that lists High Holiday services and events for our area synagogues, organizations and agencies. Don't miss out! Please send all of your submissions ASAP to Shalom New Haven Editor Jeannette Brodeur at jbrodeur@jewishnewhaven.org.



### Come Create at the JCC's New MakerSpace!



The JCC's MakerSpace merges Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) to spark learning and foster self-expression for all ages. The space features both "neat" and "messy" areas to accommodate a variety of activities. Go to [jccnh.org](http://jccnh.org) for details.



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# Adler honored at JFS 2018 Spring Celebration



At left, Joe Adler and his wife, Cecle, danced during the celebration at the Beckerman Lender Jewish Community Building. Above, JFS President Linda Caplan presented Joe with the JFS Honoree Award. Visit [jfsnh.org](http://jfsnh.org) to see more photos from the evening and a list of major contributors.

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, supporters and attendees for helping make their 2018 Spring Celebration honoring Joe Adler a success!

The celebration, which took place on Sunday, May 6, at the JCC in Woodbridge, was attended by over 250 people. Master of Ceremony Joel Sachs, JFS Board Member, introduced such esteemed speakers as Rabbi Herbert Brockman of Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Joel Karp, long-time friend of Joe Adler, and Amy Rashba, JFS's Acting Executive Director. Rachel Scolnic Dobin, Director of the JFS Social Work Outreach Services Program (SOS), discussed Adler's vision and the founding of the original program nearly eight years ago. The night included live music provided by Tim Moran Woodwinds, testimonials from beneficiaries of the SOS Program and a history of the extensive contributions made by Joe Adler to the Jewish community, the Greater New Haven community and Israel. Proceeds from the event will benefit the SOS Program – which offers assistance with vocational and employment services, case management, financial and food assistance.

Many thanks to their corporate sponsor Morgan Stanley and to all the generous contributors and attendees.

# One Happy Camper Offers Lifetime of Memories

by Cindy Papish Gerber  
*Special to SNH*

Bring on the (kosher) bug juice and light the Havdalah campfire! The Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven offers grants and scholarships through their One Happy Camper Program (OHC). This initiative, made possible through the Foundation for Jewish Camp (FJC), enables children living throughout the Greater New Haven region to enjoy the fun, camaraderie and ruach integral to a Jewish overnight camping experience.

"We're fortunate to offer a "two-prong program that includes needs-blind incentive grants for first-time campers, as well as needs-based aid for first-time and returning campers," explains Lisa Stanger, Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. "This approach enables us to reach across a broad spectrum and impact many different families."

Specifically, this season's One Happy Camper New Haven program awarded 39 first-time camper incentives that ranged from \$500-\$1,200, benefitting children from 11 area towns who are attending the following camps this summer: Camp Laurelwood, Camp Airy and Louise, URJ Eisner Camp, URJ Crane Lake, URJ Mitzvah Corp (U.S.-based program), Camp

Pardas Chana, Camp Ramah in New England, BBYO Chapter Leadership Training Conference, Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp, Eden Village Camp, Camp Ramah Sports Academy, Camp Avoda, Camp Gan Montreal and Poconos.

Thanks to a first-time incentive grant, nine-year-old Jordan Hass of Orange will attend Camp Avoda in Middleboro, Massachusetts, this summer. Parents David and Lauren Hass "love that kids get to experience Judaism in a camp environment. We are so appreciative that the Jewish Foundation supplies this wonderful resource to members of the New Haven community."

For those families seeking needs-based financial aid in order to make Jewish overnight camp a reality, One Happy Camper New Haven awarded \$15,000 to 26 first-time and returning campers who are attending the following camps this summer: Camp Laurelwood, Camp Chayolei Hamelach, URJ Crane Lake Camp, URJ Eisner Camp, Camp Pardas Chana Montreal, Camp Chomeish, Camp Gan Israel Parkville, Poconos, Detroit and Montreal, Camp Emunah, New York.

"Laurelwood has a generous scholarship program, but needs often exceed availability," says Ari Golub, Director of Camp Laurelwood. "We are thankful that the Jewish Foundation is able to provide Jew-

ish camping grants and scholarships to supplement what we can offer. Our goal as a community should be to make Jewish camp available to every family."

Kim and Jeff Math of Wallingford "are very grateful" that the Jewish Foundation One Happy Camper pro-

gram will allow their three children to attend overnight camp this summer. Sophie (age 10) and Jada Math (14) will return to Crane Lake Camp in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts for a four-week session and Alex (16) will be attending NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) in Israel (through the Jewish Foundation's Israel Experience Scholarship program). "The application process was easy and the response was quick," shares Kim Math, who credits her own positive Jewish camping experience as a key factor in her present-day "connection with Judaism." She "hopes the OHC effort will give our children the meaningful Jewish experiences they need."

"Multiple studies have shown time and again the impact Jewish camping has on the sustained and positive Jewish identity of our children and teens," says Rabbi Michael Farbman of Temple Emanuel in Orange.

"I am delighted that the New Haven community supports ALL the campers from our area going to Jewish summer camp... locally or a little further afield. Whether it is a parent raising kids with one income, or a family experiencing financial hardship, we can use communal resources to provide inspiring and exciting summer Jewish experience to our kids. Kol Hakavod to the Jewish Foundation of GNH for leading this very important charge!"

One Happy Camper New Haven is made possible thanks to the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, the Foundation for Jewish Camping (a national organization) and an anonymous local donor.

To find out how you can support this program, or other scholarship needs, contact the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, Lisa Stanger, Executive Director, at (203) 387- 2424 x382, [lstanger@jewish-newhaven.org](mailto:lstanger@jewish-newhaven.org), [newhavenjewishfoundation.org](http://newhavenjewishfoundation.org). For more information on camping, Israel, and college scholarships offered through the Jewish Foundation go to: [jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships](http://jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships).

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The items they are seeking include: new backpacks; crayons (thin and the thick ones); one-subject, wide-ruled and college-ruled notebooks; two-pocket folders; pens; child-safe scissors; colored pencils; water-based markers; white glue sticks; pencils; large erasers; loose-leaf notebook paper; construction paper; highlighters, and Post-it notes.

Donations can be dropped off at the JFS main office, 1440 Whalley Ave., New Haven (second floor). In addition, donations may be dropped off at the JFS Food Pantry (first floor) on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you represent an organization, business or school and you would like to conduct a collection to assist them, please contact [shagan@jfsnh.org](mailto:shagan@jfsnh.org).

They are currently accepting donations and will start distributing the supplies for the children by mid-August. Please drop off your donations to JFS by Friday, Aug. 17.

## Looking for Families Who Adopted Through JFS

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is looking for adoptive families who have worked with JFS to complete their adoptions. For National Adoption Month in November, JFS will host a gathering to celebrate these adoptive families and children and wants to ensure that no families who want to attend are left out. For more information, contact Amy Rashba at (203) 389-5599 x 113 or [arashba@jfsnh.org](mailto:arashba@jfsnh.org).

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## The Spa at the J Offers Variety of Massage Therapies, Skin Care

by Tara Aksoy, LMT  
Spa at the J Services Manager

We are pleased to announce that the opening of The Spa at the J has arrived! With lovely final touches, the treatment rooms are ready.

Our staff is well-seasoned, licensed and highly skilled in multiple modalities to assist each client in their journey to wellness.

Our list of treatment modalities is diverse, ranging from your most relaxing to the deepest of therapeutic pressures. Pre-natal, Oncology, Thai specialties, along with the popular hot stone and aromatherapy massage, are available.

Our staff is comprised of seven massage therapists and two aestheticians, each bringing their unique skill to provide the highest level of service.

Skin care is a new service on our menu. With all of the changes in our environment, we felt that providing treatments for the largest organ of the body was important. Our aestheticians can assist you in not only looking younger and healthier but also keeping your skin safe from all the harmful contaminants that we “face” daily.

The benefits of therapeutic massage therapy are profound especially as the world around us becomes more stressed, aggressive and anxiety-ridden. Many companies are beginning to adopt therapeutic massage therapy in their own organizations and are actively encouraging their employees to have ongoing treatments.

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## SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

### Join Chabad for ‘Pause and Affect’ Course

The Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline is hosting “The Farewell – Women’s Rosh Chodesh Society” on Wednesday, July 11, from 7:30-9 p.m. Please e-mail [rbyaffe@gmail.com](mailto:rbyaffe@gmail.com) for the location.

As the sun slips below the horizon and the night stars emerge, the harsh reality of the week ahead sets in, and the jolt from spiritual climax to a sudden loss of serenity levies its emotional toll.

How do we best deal with the grief of transition? How can we make a safe landing from powerfully uplifting moments and get back to real life? Havdalah is an experience that encompasses all the senses, it opens our eyes to the differences between Shabbat and the week, and empowers us with the ability to integrate Shabbat into the workweek—to hallow even the mundane.

Please join Rochel Baila Yaffe for Rosh Chodesh Society’s course “Pause and Affect,” where we explore Shabbat—the gift of a weekly retreat that can grant us mindfulness, community, tech-free zones, and a deeply satisfying spirituality. We will peek under the challah cover and over the Shabbat flames to see the inner, precious beauty of traditions that go beyond what the eye can see.

Class is free of charge. Course textbook \$20. Donations are appreciated. Sponsor \$180. Please visit [jewishshoreline.org/63882](http://jewishshoreline.org/63882) for a list of upcoming classes.



### Lion of Judah, Pomegranate Celebration



**Women's Philanthropy Lions of Judah and Pomegranates Celebration was held on April 29 at the Guilford Yacht Club. Pictured from left to right: Jewish Federation CEO Judy Alperin, Women's Philanthropy President Dena Schulman-Green, new Lion of Judah Endowment Chair Stacey Trachten, and Pomegranate Lynn Brotman. Seated is guest speaker Lisa Friedman Clark, who discussed “Living with Intention.”**

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# SHORELINE HAPPENINGS

## Temple Beth Tikvah welcomes Cantor Stanton

Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison is excited to announce the appointment of Cantor Mark Stanton as their new Cantor-Educator. He will join Rabbi Stacy Offner on July 1 as a full-time member of their clergy team.

Cantor Stanton grew up in Flushing, Queens, and received his Bachelor of Music in 1993 at the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music.

He was ordained as a cantor in 2004 at the Academy for Jewish Religion and has since served as the full-time cantor of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington, Delaware. He has worked closely with



the rabbi, religious school director, and staff of his synagogue to create innovative and exciting spiritual, musical, and learning experiences for congregants of all ages, and he brought those same skills to running the B'nei Mitzvah program.

He has a love of programming for children, serving as visiting faculty at Jewish summer camps for many years. His passion for drama and

choral music are evident in events he fostered at his synagogue and at camp.

Temple Beth Tikvah invites you to meet Cantor Stanton by joining them for Shabbat services.



### Did you know?

The reaches of our Federation efforts are far and wide, sometimes to our own amazement! We were recently honored by a request from a Jewish community in **AUSTRALIA** who had found our Israel 70 logo, designed by our very own senior designer Wendy Bowes, in a Google search. They liked what they saw, and contacted us to ask if they could use it in their marketing! How cool is that?

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## Get Ready for Shoreline Jewish Festival

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5**  
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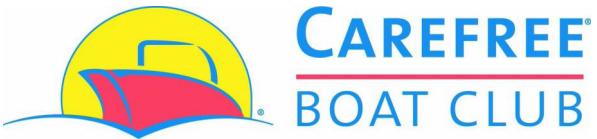
The festival features various styles of Jewish music, traditional and Israeli fair food (all kosher), an art and book sale, and children's crafts and activities. Admission is free.

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, the JCC and the Jewish Foundation will again have a table at the event with activities for all ages including:

- Story walk for children and parents with PJ Library
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# Darryl Rotman Kuperstock - Honorable Menschen BEKI's Outstanding Volunteer Inspires Many



by Rachel Bashevkin  
Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

"Oh, we can do this," Darryl Rotman Kuperstock explained to a local reporter as volunteers served Christmas dinner to 150 people on the New Haven Green.

In truth, the volunteers from area synagogues could do

this only because of Darryl's organizational skills. Her spreadsheets and instruction sheets are legendary at BEKI (Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel).

As a longtime leader of BEKI's Tiqun HaOlam-Social Action Committee, Darryl has also directed the congregation's participation in Abraham's Tent. Years before, she organized Habitat for Humanity build days and served on the Board of Directors of Danny Siegel's Ziv Tzedakah Fund. Darryl now is arranging for BEKI volunteers to provide monthly dinners at Columbus House. A longtime member of the BEKI Board and its Ritual Committee, Darryl for many

years has overseen all High Holy Days details, including helping the congregation acquire new High Holy Day machzorim (prayer books).

As Past President Andy Hirshfield notes, "I gave the President's speech at Kol Nidre services, but it was clear to everyone that Darryl, not me, organized the High Holy Days." On Saturday mornings, Darryl usually is standing beside the Torah readers, ready to assist if they stumble. The head of one of the kiddush lunch prep teams, she also compiled and designed a collection of recipes from their collective repertoire, entitled, "Is It Kiddush Yet?" Darryl also helped design the BEKI website and has directed fundraising events for Abraham's Tent each year.

During her years leading the Youth Commission, Darryl organized many programs and fundraisers, including the annual sale of Thanksgiving pies and Super Bowl Sunday deli boxes. Her projects for the wider Jewish community included directing three weeks of December gift wrapping at Wave Gallery in a partnership between the shop owner and Wepawaug Hadassah.

"The value of Darryl's volunteer effort in our congregation probably exceeds that of many full-time

professionals," Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen noted, "and if you didn't know first-hand, you would assume this list is an exaggeration."

"Our members know that Darryl has been the single outstanding volunteer in many of our successful ventures," he continued, "but not everyone knows that Darryl has an exceptional mind for Talmud study, organizes Torah readers, hosts converts and widows and visitors on Shabbat and festivals, creates art-work, gives generously and quietly, and cares about the community and the people she encounters in ways that are shockingly profound. I feel deeply honored to work with her, and enjoy the community that she creates."

As Darryl now considers moving closer to her children, she is scaling back on her leadership roles and focusing on training new people to take over. In this process too, she is a mensch. She is providing electronic files and guidance, but she is repeating phrases like, "This is how I did it; this was my vision for the project, but now you should do it in the way that makes sense for you. I'll sit with you to help you get started, and you should call me any time you have a question."

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# Goodbye to Talya & Rotem!



It's not goodbye, it's just, "Le'hitraot," or "See you later!" A large crowd gathered at the JCC in June to say goodbye to our beloved Emissaries, Talya Machpood and Rotem Linchevski. Both Talya and Rotem hope their friends will keep in touch with them after they return to Israel. And please say hello and welcome to our new Young Emissaries Ziv Peleg and Noa Saitowitz. Noa and Ziv will arrive here on Aug. 29. If you are interested in hosting, contact Amalya Brownstein at [amalyab@jccnh.org](mailto:amalyab@jccnh.org).

# Women's Philanthropy Ladies Night Out



Women's Philanthropy enjoyed a recent night out, hosted by the Sabra Society. Attendees got a private viewing of the movie, "Wonder Woman." The event was held in partnership with the Beckerman Jewish Film Series. PJ Library Moms enjoyed a mom's night out too.

# JFS Welcomes Bunnell to its Foster Care Team

Alexis Bunnell has recently joined Jewish Family Service as part of its Therapeutic Foster Care Outreach and Recruitment Team. Alexis is working with children and families in both the JFS Foster Care and Permanency Placement Services Program (PPSP) and will be recruiting foster parents for the JFS Foster Care program. She is currently finishing up her bachelor's degree in Child Studies & Psychology at Post University.

Alexis wanted to be a part of this field because "I always knew in my heart that my passion was for working with children and giving back to those who need it."

# Jewish Foundation Fosters Youth Philanthropy

by Jennifer Bayer  
Assistant Director of Development

This spring, the Jewish Foundation, in partnership with Amplifier Giving, the National Network of Giving Circles, ran a Pop-Up Giving Circle for JTE Students.

With the help of student leader, Samantha Hass, our next generation of philanthropists had an opportunity to talk about shared values around giving, philanthropic priorities and come to a consensus as a group to disburse \$3,600 provided by the Jewish Foundation.

The JTE student board chose three organizations to pitch project ideas as a component of the workshop. Amy Rashba, Jewish Family Service Acting Executive Director, talked about the JFS Stars of David Program for families with adopted children. Mara Balk, Jewish Community Center Program Director, pitched a program for its new MakerSpace, and Laurel McCormack of IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Im-

migrant Services) talked about their program, Youth Leaders for Refugee Teens. It was particularly meaningful for JTE students to get to meet one of the participants of IRIS's impactful program. Ultimately, our students awarded funds to all of the organizations, with the majority of funding awarded to IRIS.

Faced with funding decisions on behalf of the community, teens experienced first-hand what some of our lay leaders experience when making group decisions for the benefit of the community.

Samantha Hass reflected on the process. "The JTE giving circle allowed teens to make a lasting difference in the community," she said. "I'm so happy we were able to collectively decide to help sponsor refugees, among other important projects in Greater New Haven."

To learn more about youth philanthropy, contact Jennifer Bayer at (203) 387-2424, ext. 320.

# JCL Thanks Reading Partners

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) held their Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Event, on May 16, at the JCC. Melissa Hickey, Ed.D., Director of Literacy/Reading for the state Dept. of Education, expressed her gratitude to JCL reading partners for sharing the love of reading, learning and conversation with their elementary New Haven Public school students. Storycrafters of Hudson, New York, entertained and enlightened with their unique musical duo-style of storytelling. JCL is an award winning-project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. For more information about JCL or to get involved, contact Brenda Brenner at [bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org) or (203) 387-2424 x308.



# Upcoming Or Shalom Events Set



**Rummage Sale**  
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Friday, July 13, Sunday, July 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
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**Annual Blood Drive**  
July 25, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Call the Red Cross to register.

**Shabbat on the Beach**  
Friday, July 27, 7 p.m.

Come to Or Shalom's fourth annual Shabbat service on the beach. The service begins at 7 p.m. but feel free to arrive earlier and bring a picnic if you like. This service will take place at Gulf Beach, Milford. Set your GPS for #460, Gulf St. Look for Or Shalom members on the beach alongside the inlet, to the right of the Goody's concession. Men's Club members will welcome you and point to where we'll be. The Men's Club is coordinating the event. If you'd like to join a carpool to the beach, please be at the synagogue by 6:15 p.m., or call Allen Cohen, President of Men's Club, at (203) 288-5011. Please dress casually! The rabbi will be tieless and shoeless! Important: please bring a blanket or beach chair and please bring hats (yarmulkas fly away)!



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# Robbins Wins James Beard Award for Best Chef in NYC

by Jeannette Brodeur  
Shalom New Haven Editor

You'll have to forgive Carol and David Robbins, of Guilford, for kvelling a bit about their daughter lately. Missy Robbins, 47, who grew up in North Haven, recently received the coveted James Beard Foundation Award for Best Chef in NYC for her Italian restaurant, Lilia, in Brooklyn. The award is considered the food industry's highest honor, in fact, Time magazine calls it "the Oscars of the food world."

"It's all very exciting," Carol Robbins admitted. "We're all just so proud of her. No one else is more excited than our son (Matt) and our family in Chicago. She's being recognized for all of her hard work."

The Robbins family has every reason to be proud of Missy, who is already hard at work planning to open a second restaurant in August, called Misi, also in Brooklyn. Carol said her daughter's new restaurant is a "pasta/vegetable-orientated" restaurant that will be open for both lunch and dinner. Lilia, one of New York's hottest restaurants, is only open for dinner.

Last fall, Missy also published her first cookbook, "breakfast, lunch, dinner, life...recipes and adventures from my home kitchen." The New York Times calls Missy's book a "memoir peppered with her home kitchen recipes, it's a good read that's also lovely to look at."



Robbins was named "Best New Chef" by Food & Wine magazine in 2010, but in her book, she is quick to credit her parents, who she said were "foodies before it was cool." In fact, Missy dedicates her cookbook to her parents, "for instilling the greatest love of hospitality and food."

Missy was born in Washington, DC. The family moved to North Haven, Connecticut, when she was just a year old. She grew up in a traditional Jewish home where the family observed Shabbat every Friday and enjoyed a special dinner together, Carol Robbins said. "She loves my brisket," Carol Robbins remarked. "Whenever she comes home, she asks me to make it for her."

In her book, Missy calls her mother, Carol, "the Jewish Martha Stewart," adding that, "In addition to the few delicious dishes she cooked, her expertise in décor, proper entertaining, and hosting were branded in my brain from a very young age."

Not only did she love dining at home with family, Missy loved going to restaurants, "from the local pizza joint to the most elegant places in Paris." David Robbins said Missy started eating pizza almost immediately from the first day they arrived in North Haven. The family often ate at Bimonte's in Hamden. The Robbins family lived in North Haven until Missy was 15 or 16 years old, according to her dad. From 7th-12th grade, she went to Hopkins School, David Robbins said.

Missy also played soccer. What she learned on the soccer field has translated to how she treats her team at the restaurant, according to her mom. "She supports them. She depends on them. She believes in her team and gives them credit for their work."

Missy had her bat mitzvah at Congregation Or Shalom in Orange. "We schlepped from North Haven to Orange several times a week," Carol recalled.

When Missy was a junior in high school, the family moved to Cheshire. Then the family attended Temple Beth Sholom in Hamden. The family even visited Israel when Missy was just six years old. She attended Camp Ramah in Massachusetts for several years and also went to Israel on a trip with Camp Ramah.

While Missy isn't very observant, Carol said her daughter does care about family



and spending the holidays with them. The recipe called "Cacio e Pepe Kugel" in her cookbook, pays tribute to her Jewish roots, her mom said.

At 12, Missy dined at a three-star Michelin restaurant and she can still remember every detail from that experience, but she never set out to be a cook at first. Missy was an art major at Georgetown University, but an epic dinner with her family at Charlie Trotters in Chicago changed her career path forever. She said in her book that she was entranced by every detail of that meal. "That night, I decided I wanted to cook and own a restaurant just like Trotter's," Missy said in her book. "However, aside from cooking at home, I had never properly held a knife!"

In her last semester of college, Missy got a job at restaurant 1789, where she learned the "foundational cooking techniques" she

needed. Missy graduated from Georgetown University in 1993. After a year at 1789, Missy left Chicago to attend Peter Kump's New York School of Cooking in New York. From there, she worked her way up, training with top chefs, including Anne Rosenzweig and Wayne Nish. She also took a trip to Italy, where she apprenticed at several restaurants. Missy served as executive chef for several very well known, highly lauded, American restaurants, including Chicago's Spiaggia and New York's A Voce. At Spiaggia, she worked with

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# Shabbat on the Beach Helps Us Live in the Moment

by Stacey Battat  
PJ Library  
Professional

In our ever-evolving, tech-driven, multi-tasking lives, the Jewish Shabbat offers us moments and rituals to help us live more in the moment. The transition of elevating the mundane to the sacred allows us to infuse our lives with practices that are universal tools for being human.

Join us at any or all of the Shabbat-on-the-Beach events this summer so that you and your little ones can find time to listen, reset, and connect with the WOW moments of the universe.

We will meet at 6 p.m. (of course, come ahead for extra beach time) at the following locations for a PJ Library Shabbat story and a short musical service with the Rabbi. You are welcome to stay for the annual Shabbat on the Beach with the full congregation as well.

Please check the PJ Library Facebook page for can-



cellations due to weather. Look for the PJ Library lawn signs or email Stacey for more information.

**Friday July 13, 6 p.m.,** Cedar Lake, Chester - Join PJ Library and Rabbi Bellows of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek.

**Friday, July 27, 6 p.m.,** Walnut Beach, Milford – Join PJ Library and Rabbi Wainhaus of Congregation Or Shalom

**Friday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m.,** Gulf Beach, Milford – Join PJ Library and Rabbi Farbman of Temple Emanuel

Please email Stacey at [pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org) for more details.

## Historical Society Honors Alperin, Stanger



Left, Judy Alperin, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and above right, Lisa Stanger, Jewish Foundation Executive Director, and Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven President Robert Pierce Forbes. In June at a special celebration, Alperin & Stanger were both honored by the Jewish Historical Society for their many contributions to the local Jewish community.

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Hundreds of families attended the JCC's Annual Family Fun Day featuring Touch-A-Truck on June 3. The lively event featured more than 20 trucks on display, train rides, pony rides, a DJ, and dancing, food, bounce house, crafts and vendors. Children were able to climb, explore and learn about each of the vehicles parked in the JCC lot.

## Like to sing? Listen to Jewish choral music? Join the CT Z'mirah Chorale!

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The group, conducted by Kevin Mack, is open to new members, and rehearsals take place on Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Whitney Center in Hamden in the spring and fall.

For information about joining the group, email the Chorale's President Ben Judd at [bjudd9752@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjudd9752@sbcglobal.net) or Secretary Rhoda Zahler Samuel at [rhodasamuel1@gmail.com](mailto:rhodasamuel1@gmail.com). If you do not sing but wish to support the continuity of Jewish choral music in our community, you can become a Friend of the CT Z'mirah Chorale, which is a 501 (c) (3). Contact Ben or Rhoda for details.



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## Saturday Night, Atiya Is Out the Doors

by Nurit Kohl  
Director of Marketing

Jacob Atiya is the founder of 24H Garage Doors – a full service company that specializes in motorized garage door for residential, commercial and industrial garages all over Connecticut.

Born in Israel and most recently from Worcester, Massachusetts, where he worked as a garage door technician for two years, he has made New Haven his home with his wife Sara and their five children, who attend Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy and Camp Gan Israel.

24H Garage Doors is a rapidly growing company. Jacob started from the ground up less than three years ago and already has three vans covering the entire state. "Customer satisfaction is at the heart of our success. We answer every call, provide same-day service, use top of the line products and parts. Most importantly, we stand behind our work and provide a warranty with our service," says Atiya.

Atiya's dedication to his customers is evident as he takes a few minutes during our interview to address a customer's needs and provide quality customer service. "Atiya makes it a priority to come to the office every day before going out into the field to sup-

port our technicians and help ensure 100 percent customer satisfaction" as his office staff members testify.

"I'm out there to make sure every job is done to the highest standards. Customer satisfaction is our motto. That's how we get many of our referrals - through word of mouth" says Atiya.

If you carefully look at 24H Garage Door's logo, you will notice the letters BH at the top right, an acronym which in English stands for "Thank G-d." This and the Mezuzah on their offices' door are probably the only visible indicator that the company is a Jewish-owned establishment. The company observes Shabbat, however on Saturday night, he's out the doors. 24H Garage Doors gives their Tzedaka (charity) to Jewish organizations in New Haven, New York and Israel.

24H Garage Door's employees are from multiple religious backgrounds. The Jewish technicians all wear Kippahs, although you would not notice them underneath the company's caps or hard hats they all wear as part of their professional uniforms. "The uniforms are just part of our professional standard," explains Atiya.

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## Get Ready, Get Set, Go...to the Bagel Run

by Jess Ciola  
JCC Assistant Fitness Director

This fall will mark the eighth Annual Murray Lender 5k Bagel Run. On Sunday, Sept. 16, hundreds are expected to attend the event at the newly renovated JCC building. The day is planned as a family-centered event for the entire community. It is also the foremost fundraiser that supports the Health and Wellness Center.

The Murray Lender Bagel Run was named for well known businessman, JCC benefactor and fitness enthusiast Murray Lender. The affectionately named "Bagel Run" encompasses all that Murray stood for and believed in: family, food and lots of fun.

At this year's event, participants will be greeted by staff at the JCC's main entrance and ushered through the registration process as volunteers busily prepare the bagels, fruit and baked goods that the race has become known for. Outdoors, families with children of all ages can enjoy

different activities, including a pre-race dance party and taking a turn on the bounce slide. Red Skye Farm of Bethany will also offer an interactive animal program on the back lawn.

Look for JCC Mascot, Benny the Bagel, to make his arrival that morning and encourage children to head to the starting line for their very own mini run. Benny is always the star that day as he cheers on runners of all ages and poses for photos. In 2017, Benny greeted well over 300 runners, walkers and families from communities as far away as Goshen and New London. The Bagel Run has been listed as one of the best 5ks in the state and is well known in the area as a family friendly event that takes runners through scenic Woodbridge.

Thanks to the Bagel Run's outstanding reputation, the race committee is expecting even more runners this year. Racers of all ages love the bagel medals given to all participants. Only a lucky few will earn the gold, silver, or bronze bagel medal... maybe this year it will be you?

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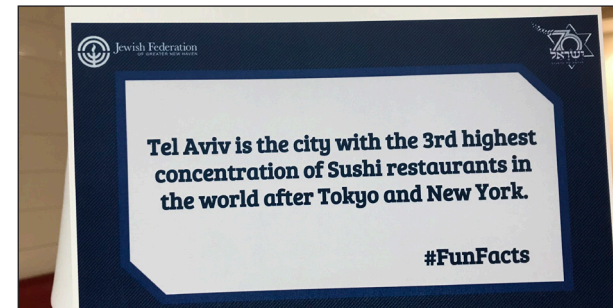
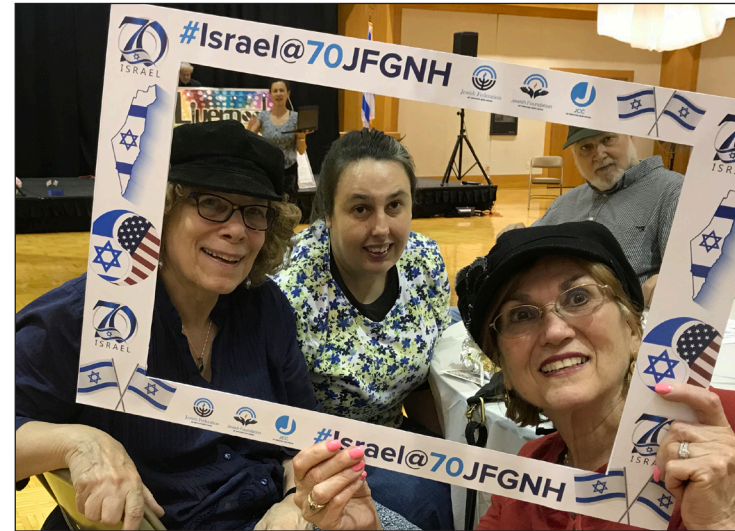
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## Area Students Named to Hebrew High School of NE Honor Roll

West Hartford, CT – Dr. Richard B. Nabel, Interim Head of General Studies at Hebrew High School of New England, announced the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2018-2019 academic year. Here are the students from the Greater New Haven area:

**HIGH HONORS WERE ACHIEVED BY:**  
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**Mediterranean Meals Cooking Series,**  
July 2, 7-9 p.m., \$25/class, for members. \$30/class for community. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, [gracek@jccnh.org](mailto:gracek@jccnh.org)

**Grill n Chill,** July 11, 5-8 p.m., Free, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, [gracek@jccnh.org](mailto:gracek@jccnh.org)

**Shabbat on the Beach with PJ Library,** July 13, 6 p.m., Free, Cedar Lake Chester. Contact: Stacey Battat, (203) 387-2424 x317, [pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org)

**Annual Meeting - Jewish Federation, Foundation and JCC of Greater New Haven,** July 17, 7-9 p.m., Free, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Jeanette Yurman, (203) 387-2424 x325, [yyurman@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:yyurman@jewishnewhaven.org)

**Brush & Bordeaux,** July 19, 7-9 p.m., \$35 members/\$40 community, Temple Beth David, 3 Main Street.

Cheshire. Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, [gracek@jccnh.org](mailto:gracek@jccnh.org)

**Grill n Chill,** July 25, 5-8 p.m., Free, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Rd., Woodbridge. Contact: Grace Koo, (203) 387-2424 x228, [gracek@jccnh.org](mailto:gracek@jccnh.org)

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**The 13th Annual Shoreline Jewish Festival,** August 5, 12-5 p.m., Free, The Guilford Green, Guilford. Contact: (203) 533-7495, [chabad@snet.net](mailto:chabad@snet.net), [jewishshoreline.org](http://jewishshoreline.org)

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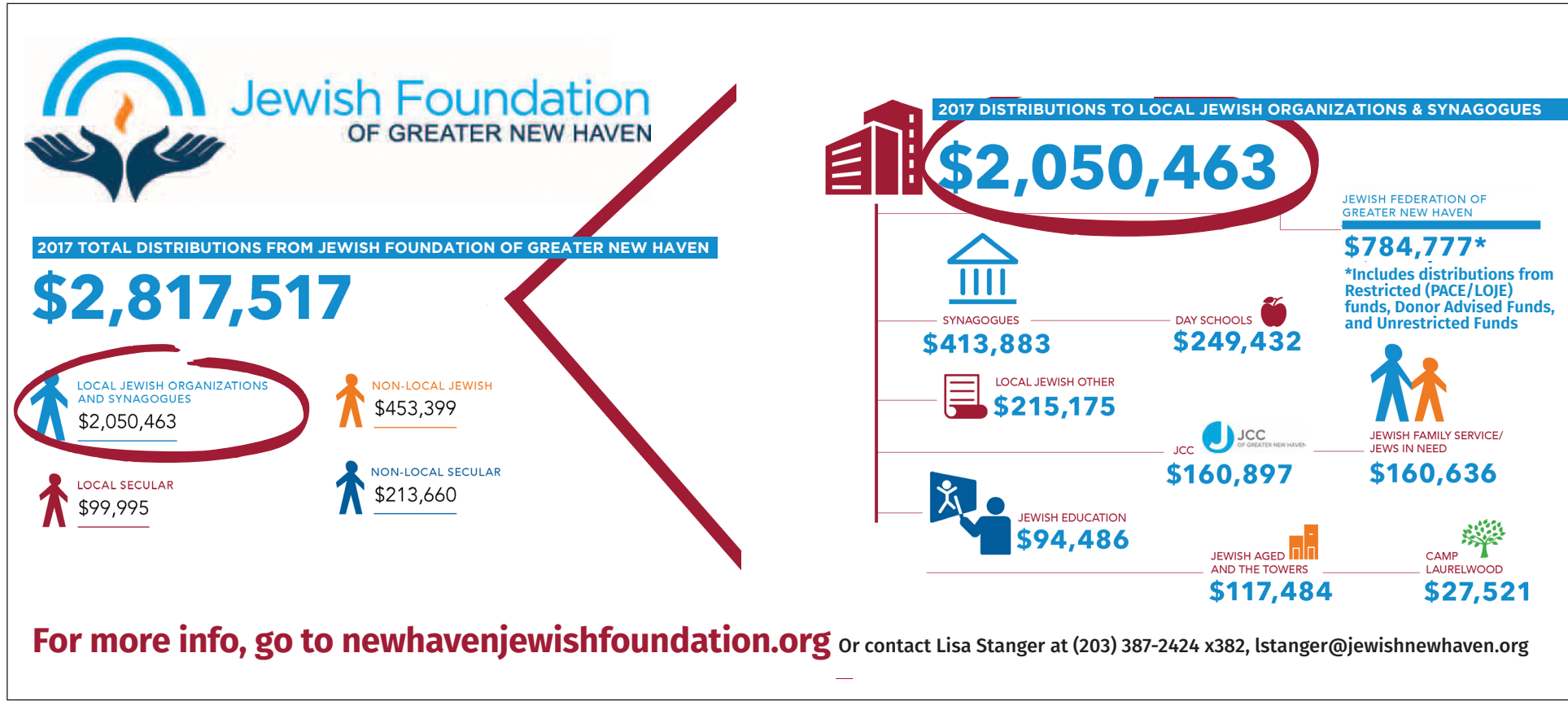
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# The Towers Never Forgets... Our Holocaust Memorial

by **Gustave (Gus) Keach-Longo**  
President/CEO of The Towers



Recently, our community observed Yom Hashoah to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust at The Towers. I made a point to visit the Holocaust Memorial at 491 Whalley Ave. in New Haven before the event.

As I approached the memorial, there was something not feeling as it should. I noticed that the memorial could use some attention. The monument's walls and inscriptions were looking dark from several long winters and the plantings needed some attention.

As I reflected on the significance of the site and the six million lost lives it is there to honor, I felt it too needed some care.

When I returned to The Towers, I

shared my thoughts about the memorial with our team. They fully understood the importance of this memorial to our community and quickly jumped at the opportunity to help.



(Left to right) Kevin Baker, Marvin Cohen and Mario Iamannuo. Kevin and Mark are from The Towers maintenance staff. Marvin Cohen, one of the key founders of the Holocaust Memorial, has spent many years helping to support, care and preserve the memorial.

Jesse Wescott, our new Director of Operations, met with Board members of the Holocaust Memorial of New Haven, Doris Zelinsky and Marvin Cohen. Zelinsky, Cohen and other Board

members of the Holocaust Memorial, Fay Sheppard and Eric Epstein, have collaborated for countless years to help support the memorial. Through their support and guidance, The Towers team learned how to best care for the memorial and got right to work.

The team loaded a truck with a pressure washer, cleaning and gardening supplies. They spent three days care-

fully and meticulously power washing and tending the garden beds. They were cheered on by passersby as they were regaled by honking horns in support of their efforts.

Some members of the community stopped to witness the progress and thanked The Towers' staff Kevin Baker and Mario Iamannuo for their hard work and attention to detail.

I am proud to share that the project turned out even better than I had hoped.

Thanks to the efforts of the whole team, now as I approach the refreshed memorial, I feel such gratitude for all those who have cared for this space throughout the decades and for The Towers team of individuals who eagerly stepped forward to do their part in maintaining this unique landmark.

I suggest you consider making a point to visit the Holocaust Memorial this summer. It's a treasure of our community and it is worth the visit.

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## Winged Warriors Helped Israel Win 1948 War

By Yelena Gerovich  
*New American Acculturation Coordinator*

Seventy years ago, a top-secret communications project helped Israel win a war. It involved carrier doves, which delivered critical messages from the battle-field to Israeli military headquarters during the 1948 war after the new state declared independence and was attacked by Syria, Egypt and Jordan. Lacking communication devices during the war, the Israeli forces relied on a clandestine network of 68 doves spread across the country, and ran ‘doves’ courses for soldiers. Counting on the doves’ ability to return to their home dovecot, as armies have long done, the Israeli soldiers flew them from the heart of the battle - this time carrying encrypted messages.

The recently restored dovecot in Kibbutz Givat Brenner is today an educational centre devoted to the winged warriors. You can visit to see how Israel started from nothing, with a dove, to what it has achieved today, with satellites.

Most programs that the New American Acculturation Program offers to our Russian-speaking community in 2018 are connected to Jewish life and Israeli history like these winged warriors.

Today in our community, all Jewish families from the Former Soviet Union have relatives or friends in Israel. Israel now has the world’s third-largest Russian-speaking community (outside the former Soviet Union), after the United States and Germany. When the Cold War ended, Israel’s population was just under 5 million. The Russian speakers who poured in after 1989 added roughly 1 million to that number, and changed the Middle East.

Most of the immigrants who arrived from the Former Soviet Union were urban and well-educated. As a result, they have made invaluable contributions to Israeli society, particularly in the cultural, scientific, high-tech, medical, and education fields. One in four staff members at Israel’s universities now are native Russian speakers, with an even higher concentration in the sciences.

The Russian language in Israel is spoken natively by 20 percent of the total population. It is a major foreign language in the country and is used in many aspects of Israeli life. The Russian-speaking community in Israel and here in our own community remember and are grateful to all those who started the movement to free Soviet Jews. It was one of the most successful human rights campaigns of the 20th century. Happy 70th Birthday Israel! Thank you to all members of our caring community!

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## Robbins Wins James Beard Award

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acclaimed Chef Tony Mantuano. She credits Mantuano as her mentor. She also cooked several meals for the Obamas at Spiaggia. A Voce’s two locations, where Robbins worked as executive chef, earned two Michelin stars during her time there.

In May of 2013, without any plan, Robbins made a brave choice to leave A Voce to “clear her head” and figure out what would make her happy. During her sabbatical, she reconnected with friends, travelled to Italy and to Asia and learned to navigate her own small apartment kitchen and cook simply. She also used the time to focus on her health and her diet. She even joined Weight Watchers and lost 40 pounds.

In January of 2016, Robbins launched Lilia, which offers a fresh take on classic Italian cuisine, in a quiet corner of Williamsburg. In 2016, Lilia was named one

## Welcome to America

### От голубей к спутникам.

70 лет назад секретный проект помог Израилю победить в войне за Независимость. В голубятне кибуца Гиват-Бренер разводили почтовых голубей, которые доставляли важные сообщения с поля боя в израильский военный штаб во время войны 1948 года, когда молодое государство, только что объявившее независимость, подверглось нападению со стороны коалиции армий арабских стран и внутренних арабских банд.

Не имея средств связи во время войны, израильские силы опирались на подпольную сеть из 68 голубятен, разбросанных по всей стране, и проводили курсы “голубятников” для солдат. Рассчитывая на способность голубей всегда возвращаться в свою родную голубятню, израильские солдаты выпускали их с мест сражений с зашифрованными сообщениями. Сегодня, в голубятне восстановленной в кибуце Гиват-Бренер, находится образовательный центр. Вы можете прийти и посмотреть, как Израиль начал с нуля, с голубями, и чего достиг сегодня, со спутниками.

Большинство программ, которые NewAmerican Acculturation Program предлагает нашему русскоязычному сообществу в 2018 году, связаны с еврейской жизнью и историей Израиля, как история этих крылатых воинов.

Сегодня все еврейские семьи из бывшего Советского Союза, которые поселились в нашей общине, имеют родственников или друзей в Израиле. В настоящее время Израиль занимает третье место по количеству русскоговорящих жителей (за пределами бывшего Советского Союза) после Соединенных Штатов и Германии. Когда закончилась Холодная война, население Израиля составляло около 5 миллионов человек. Русскоязычные иммигранты, прибывшие после 1989 года, добавили примерно 1 миллион к этому числу и навсегда изменили облик Ближнего Востока.

Большинство иммигрантов из бывшего Советского Союза были людьми с высшим образованием. В результате этого, они внесли неоценимый вклад в израильское общество, особенно в области культуры, науки, высоких технологий, медицины и образования. Каждый четвертый сотрудник израильских университетов в настоящее время является носителем русского языка, в научной среде эта цифра еще выше.

На русском языке в Израиле говорят примерно 20 процентов от общей численности населения, он используется во многих областях Израильской жизни. Русскоязычные общины, как в Израиле, так и здесь, в Коннектикуте, благодарны всем людям, которые начали движение за освобождение советских евреев. Это была одна из самых успешных компаний в области прав человека 20-го века. Счастливого 70-летия Израилю! Спасибо всем кто делает нашу с вами жизнь лучше!

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of the New York Times’ Top 10 NY Restaurants of 2016 and won the Readers Choice for Restaurant of the Year at the 2016 Eater Awards.

Carol Robbins said when Missy decided to take some time off, she didn’t expect as much support from her family and friends as she got. “We always supported her following her passion,” Carol said. “She’s 47 and she still has her passion. She loves what she’s doing and she’s having a lot of fun.”

“She did all of this the right way, “said her father, David of her success. “She worked very hard from the bottom to get to the top.”

“We’re really proud of her because of who she is and how she has managed her life,” Carol Robbins said. “This award is just the whipped cream on top. I expect they’ll be more to come. She’s on a roll.”

## Zamir Noded Concert



**In May, Zamir Noded, the premier young adult Jewish choir in the world, performed at B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge. The concert featured B’nai Jacob’s own Cantor Malachi Kanfer. Conducted by renowned Maestro Matthew Lazar, the group drawn singers from throughout the tri-state area and beyond.**

## Cheshire Native Chosen for Next Gen Fellowship

Cheshire Connecticut native and Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) of Greater Boston staff member, Karen Nahary, has been chosen to participate in the Next Gen Jewish Federation Fellowship, made possible by the Jim Joseph Foundation. This fellowship gives Nahary the opportunity to develop her leadership skills in the young adult engagement arena. She has been deeply involved in Jewish life throughout her childhood, young adulthood, and career.



Nahary attended Ezra Academy and was a member of B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge. The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven was her family’s federation, and she served as the Regional President of the Hansesh region for United Synagogue Youth (USY).

The 18-month comprehensive program offers participants the tools and training they need to lead this critically important work. Joining forces for the first time, the Jewish Federation of North America has brought together the North Carolina-based Center for Creative Leadership and the Jerusalem-based M2: The Institute for Experiential Jewish Education, to develop coursework and meaningful experiences that grow Federation professionals’ leadership skills and connect them more deeply to Judaism. The new initiative will also position them as innovators and leaders in the Jewish Next Gen space. The Fellowship will include leadership development, Jewish enrichment, coaching, mentoring, and a supervised applied learning project. Fellows will participate in four face-to-face seminars and will provide mentorship for two early career colleagues to help build capacity in CJP’s community and across the Federation movement. This program will help CJP significantly increase engagement of Next Gen young Jews and deepen their commitment to Jewish life. For more information, go to [cjp.org](http://cjp.org).



**Human, All Too Human - Joel Silverstein**

### Silverstein Exhibition at BEKI Runs Until Aug. 18

Time is running out for the Jewish year and also for the opportunity to see Joel Silverstein, The Hebrew Bible: Real and Imagined. This art exhibition will close August 18, to be replaced by BEKI’s annual “Off Our Walls” High Holy Day exhibit, featuring Jewish-themed artwork from the homes of members. Silverstein’s inspiration comes from 19th and 20th century European expressionist painters, pulp magazine illustrators, mid-century movie epics, National Geographic photos and superhero comic books. His goal is to find a contemporary language that can describe the sacred and the narratives of the Hebrew Bible, merging traditional Talmudic interpretation with postmodern takes on painting, movies, comics and picture theory.



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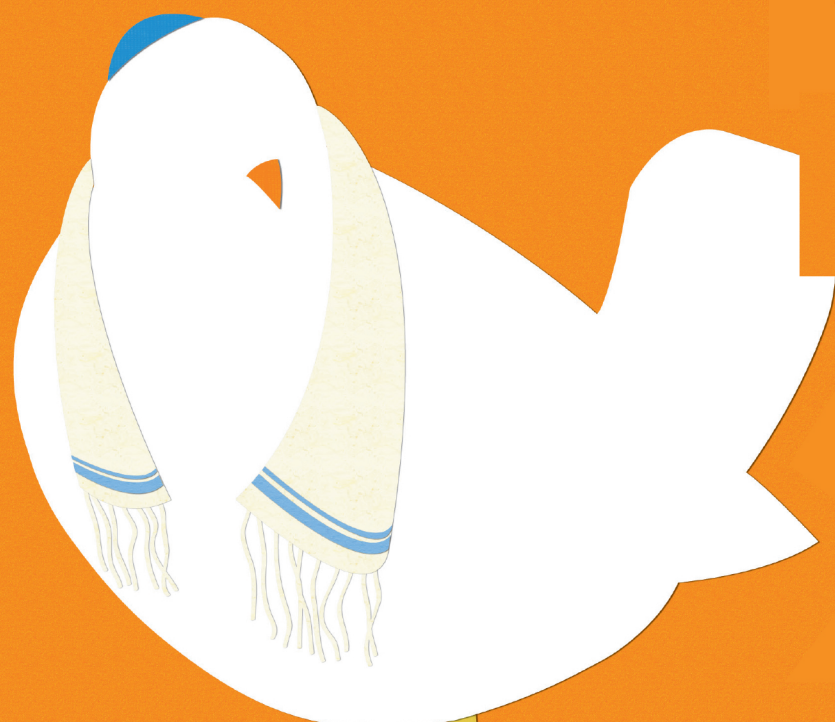


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